

2009 Carter Cellars Hossfeld Coliseum Red Blend Napa Valley

Winery: [Carter Cellars](#)

Style: Red Wine

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Napa



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Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June '11

(80% merlot and 20% cabernet sauvignon): Bright medium ruby. High-pitched aromas of blueberry, minerals, violet, licorice and bitter chocolate. Supple and sweet but clenched, with a firm spine of acidity dominating the dark berry, mint and menthol flavors. A distinctly serious merlot that finishes with chewy, slightly drying tannins. **89-92 points**

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Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May 12

Medium ruby. Dark berries, licorice, clove oil and violet on the nose, along with a distinctly rocky quality. Densely packed and fat with cassis fruit. A bit monolithic today in its youth but not heavy. In fact, this showed good inner-palate lift with aeration and just needs time in bottle to open. Very fine-grained and long. The merlot in this rocky site comes in with low pH (in this case, about 3.5) and high potential alcohol, noted Mark Carter. **91 points**